

## Minimum South Dakota State Graduation Requirements

|                              | <b>Applies to current seniors<br/>(graduating 2007)</b>   | <b>Applies to seniors graduating 2008 &amp; 2009</b>  | <b>Applies to seniors graduating 2010 and after</b><br><br>Questions related to requirements for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship should be directed to the SD Board of Regents Office or refer to the BOR website <a href="http://www.sdbor.edu/">http://www.sdbor.edu/</a> . |  |  |
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|                              |   |   | <i>Standard Curriculum</i>   | <i>Advanced Curriculum</i>   | <i>Distinguished Curriculum</i>  |
| <b>English/Language Arts</b> | 4 units of English/Language Arts  | 4 units of English/Language Arts  | 4 units of English/Language Arts   | 4 units of English/Language Arts   | 4 units of English/Language Arts   |
|                              | -1 ½ units of writing<br>-1 ½ units of lit including ½ unit of American lit<br>- ½ unit speech<br>- ½ unit of other language arts | -1 ½ units of writing<br>-1 ½ units of lit including ½ unit of American lit<br>- ½ unit speech<br>- ½ unit of other language arts | -1 ½ units of writing<br>-1 unit of literature<br>- - ½ unit of American lit<br>- ½ unit speech<br>- ½ unit of other language arts   | -1 ½ units of writing<br>-1 unit of literature<br>- - ½ unit of American lit<br>- ½ unit speech<br>- ½ unit of other language arts           | -1 ½ units of writing<br>-1 unit of literature - - ½ unit of American lit<br>- ½ unit speech<br>- ½ unit of other language arts              |
| <b>Social Science</b>        | 3 units of social studies   | 3 units of social studies   | 3 units of social studies  | 3 units of social studies  | 3 units of social studies  |
|                              | -1 unit of US history<br>-½ unit of US government<br>- ½ unit of geography<br>- 1 unit of other social sciences                   | -1 unit of US history<br>-½ unit of US government<br>- ½ unit of geography<br>- 1 unit of other social sciences                   | -1 unit of US history<br>-½ unit of US government<br>- ½ unit of geography<br>- ½ unit of world history<br>- ½ unit of other social sciences   | -1 unit of US history<br>-½ unit of US government<br>- ½ unit of geography<br>- ½ unit of world history<br>- ½ unit of other social sciences | -1 unit of US history<br>-½ unit of US government<br>- ½ unit of geography<br>- ½ unit of world history<br>- ½ unit of other social sciences |
| <b>Math</b>                  | 5 units of math <b>and</b> science with a minimum of 2 units each of math and lab science   | 3 units of math, including a minimum of 1 unit of Algebra 1 or higher   | 3 units of math, including a minimum of 1 unit of Algebra 1 or higher  | 3 units of math, including a minimum of 1 unit each of algebra I, algebra II, and geometry   | 4 units of math, including a minimum of 1 unit each of algebra I, algebra II, and geometry   |
| <b>Science</b>               |   | 2 units of lab science  | 2 units of lab science   | 3 units of lab science that must include a minimum of biology and chemistry, or physics  | 4 units of science that must include a minimum of biology and chemistry, or physics. 3 units must be lab science.                            |

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| <b>Computer Studies</b>              | ½ unit of laboratory computer studies   | ½ unit of laboratory computer studies   |  |  | ½ unit computer studies  |
|                                      | In lieu of taking the required course in computer studies, a maximum of one-half unit of credit may be granted to a student who can demonstrate mastery of the basic course of studies for computers. | In lieu of taking the required course in computer studies, a maximum of one-half unit of credit may be granted to a student who can demonstrate mastery of the basic course of studies for computers. |  |  |  |
| <b>Fine Arts</b>                     | 1 unit of fine arts   | 1 unit of fine arts   | 1 unit of fine arts  | 1 unit fine arts   | 1 unit fine arts   |
| <b>PE/Health</b>                     |   |   | ½ unit of physical education or health   | ½ unit of physical education or health   | ½ unit of physical education or health                               |
| <b>Economics or personal finance</b> |   |   | ½ unit of economics or personal finance  | ½ unit of economics or personal finance  | ½ unit of economics or personal finance                              |
| <b>Other</b>                         |   |   | 2 units of any combination of the following required offerings:<br>-World languages, or<br>-Computer studies, or<br>- Approved CTE courses, or<br>- Math courses in addition to requirements above, or<br>- Science courses in addition to requirements above.                         | 2 units of any combination of the following required offerings:<br>-World languages, or<br>-Computer studies, or<br>- Approved CTE courses, or<br>- Math courses in addition to requirements above, or<br>- Science courses in addition to requirements above. | 2 units of world languages, including two years of the same language |
|                                      | One credit for certain vocational education courses may be used to partially satisfy required course credit in English, mathematics, social science, and science.                                     | One credit for certain vocational education courses may be used to partially satisfy required course credit in English, mathematics, social science, and science.                                     | One credit for certain career and technical education courses may be used to partially satisfy the required course credits in English, mathematics, social science, and science.   |  |  |